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STRENGTHEN THE SERVICES NETWORK.

SECTION 10.49.(y) Not later than September 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services shall designate two additional local management entities to receive all State allocations through single stream funding. The Department shall develop clear standards for how an LME qualifies for single stream funding and shall award single stream funding to any other LME that meets those standards within the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 fiscal years. These standards shall be developed and implemented not later than October 1, 2007. In addition to the LMEs designated by the Department, the Piedmont, New River, Smoky Mountain, Guilford, Sandhills, Five County, and Mecklenburg LMEs shall continue to receive State allocations through single stream funding. The Department may adopt temporary rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes in order to implement the standards required by this subsection by October 1, 2007.